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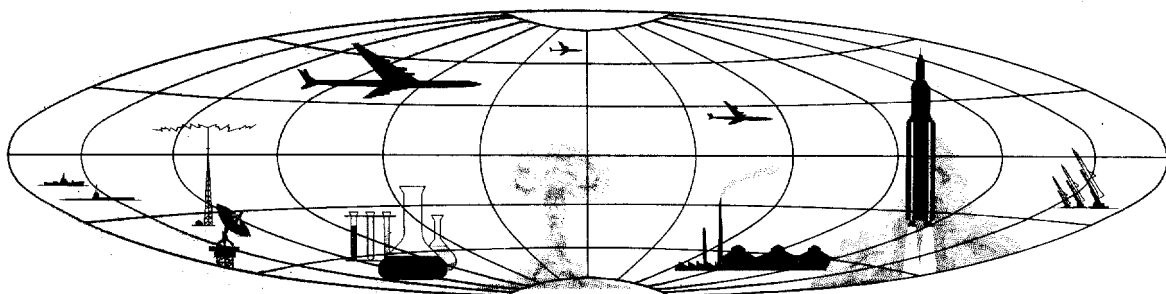


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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3609, DATED 24 MAY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

LOS ANGELES SAM SITE 2100N 07541W

SIX UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS, 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA, 13 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE PRIME MOVERS, 7 OTHER VEHICLES, AND 6 SETS OF BOGIE WHEELS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

25X1A

MANZANILLO SAM SITE 2018N 07706W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVIEWED LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE, AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA, 5 LOWBOY TRAILERS, 10 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE PRIME MOVERS, 6 SETS OF BOGIE WHEELS, AND NUMEROUS MISSILE CANISTERS.

25X1D

25X1A

ESMERALDA SAM SITE 2155N 07813W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED, REVIEWED LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND A REVIEWED, OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

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CIFUENTES SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2236N 08005W

APPROXIMATELY 12 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OR CANISTERS  
OBSERVED.  
SCATTERED CLOUDS AND FOLIAGE PRECLUDE FURTHER  
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

BANES CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2058N 07538W

TWO REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 2 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 7  
CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, 4 PROBABLE VEHICLES, A CANVAS-  
COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE  
AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

25X1A

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 14 FAGOT/FRESCO.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

25X1D

CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2125N 07751W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

LOS CANOS AIRFIELD 2004N 07509W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

25X1D

ANTONIO MACEO AIRFIELD 1958N 07550W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 LIAISON-TYPE.  
N/S RUNWAY APPEARS UNSERVICEABLE.  
AN OCCUPIED 6-GUN AAA POSITION WAS OBSERVED AT UTM

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25X1D COORDINATES 18Q VT134111.

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CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD 2206N 08409W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- 2 LIAISON-TYPE.

[REDACTED]

BAYAMO EAST AIRFIELD 2023N 07638W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- ONE LIAISON-TYPE AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

TRINIDAD AIRFIELD 2147N 07959W

25X1D AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

PORTS-

BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

25X1D VESSELS -- 2 PC AND 3 PT.  
NO CONSTRUCTION OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

25X1D NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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BARACOA PORT 2021N 07430W

25X1D VESSELS -- ONE PROBABLE PC IN PORT.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

25X1D TWO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED (PROBABLY FREIGHTERS).  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

MANZANILLO PORT 2021N 07707W

25X1D NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

MOA PORT 2039N 07454W

25X1D NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT 2001N 07550W

25X1D VESSELS -- 4 LARGE FREIGHTERS, ONE SMALL FREIGHTER,  
AND ONE TANKER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

25X1D VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS WITH HATCHES OPEN.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREA.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

25X1D

PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

GUANTANAMO AREA 1 2005N 07523W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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[REDACTED]

MANZANILLO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2017N 07706W

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[REDACTED]

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NINETEEN CANVAS-COVERED TANKS/SP GUNS, 10 FA PIECES,  
AND APPROXIMATELY 10 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

25X1A

[REDACTED]

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

MAIN CAMP AND ENCAMPMENT .8 NM TO THE NORTH ARE CLOUD-  
COVERED.

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN ENCAMPMENT 2.3 NM TO THE SE  
SINCE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

25X1A

[REDACTED]

EL CRISTO, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2007N 07546W

FORTY-EIGHT FA PIECES AND 38 VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
NUMEROUS TENTS, AW POSITIONS, AND TRENCHES SCATTERED  
THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

CAYO LARGO 2138N 08129W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.  
NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

LAS MERCEDES, MILITARY CAMP 2006N 07700W

ONE TWIN-ENGINE, LIAISON-TYPE AIRCRAFT OBSERVED ON  
AIRSTRIIP 4.7 NM SW OF PALMA ESTRADA.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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GUANE, MILITARY CAMP 2212N 08408W

THIRTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS AND 7 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
FOLIAGE AND SHADOWS LIMIT INTERPRETATION.

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NICARD LANDING BEACH 2042N 07533W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

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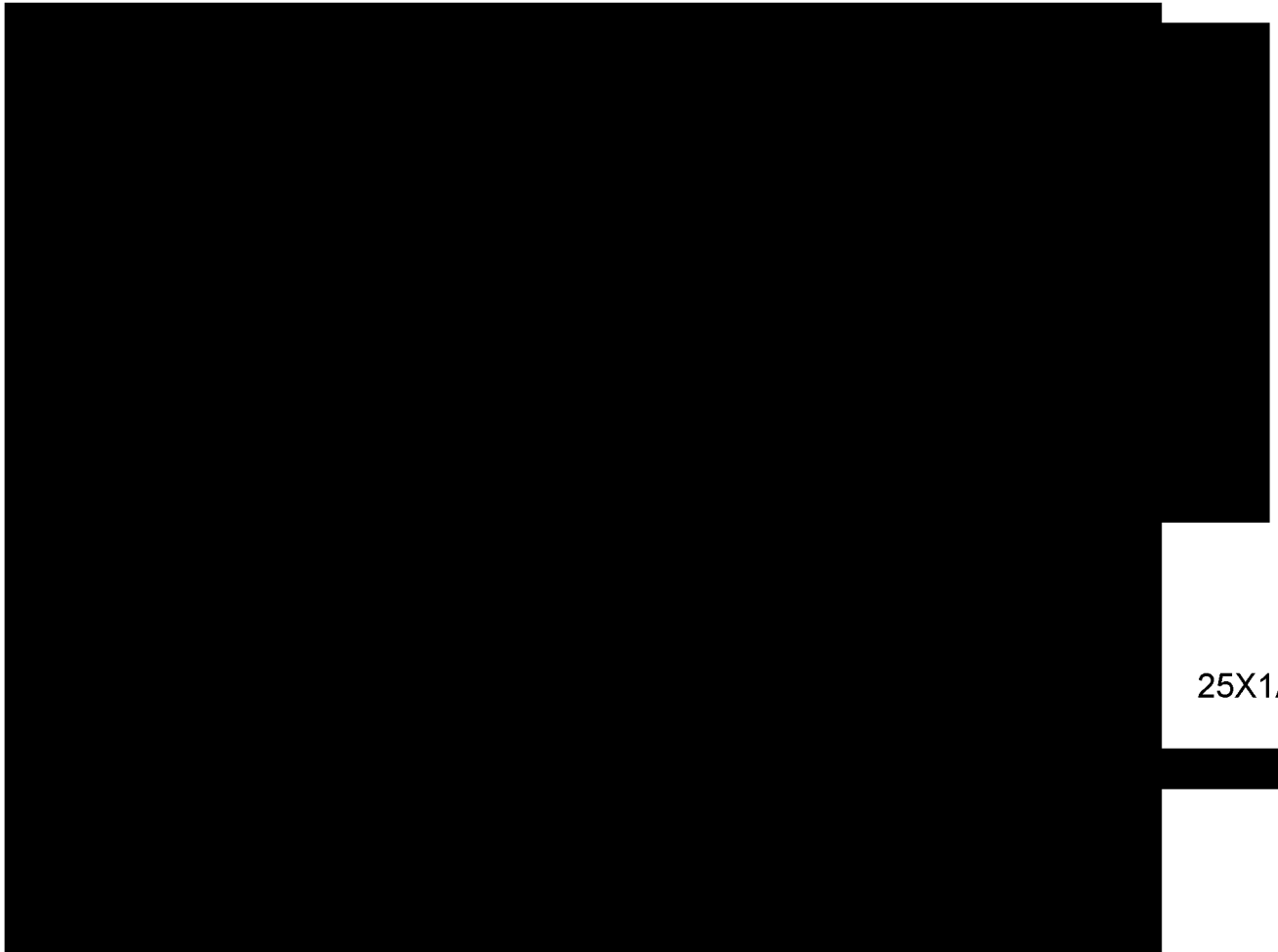
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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO APPARENT CHANGE  
SINCE LAST COVERAGE--

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SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N 07951W
SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD SAM SITE	2205N 08409W
CAIBARIEN SAM SITE	2228N 07929W
CHAPARRA SAM SITE	2107N 07626W
JIGUANI SAM SITE	2021N 07620W
SENADO SAM SITE	2136N 07733W
SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM SITE	1959N 07550W
SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2003N 07553W
MALDONADO SAM SITE	2012N 07528W
SIBONEY LANDING BEACH	1957N 07542W

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25X1D	PLAYA YATERITAS LANDING BEACH	25X1D	1958N 07457W
	VARADERO LANDING BEACH		2308N 08118W
	CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH	25X1D	2202N 08036W
25X1D	MAR VERDE LANDING BEACH		1957N 07557W
	ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH		2202N 08025W
	SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION		2224N 07953W

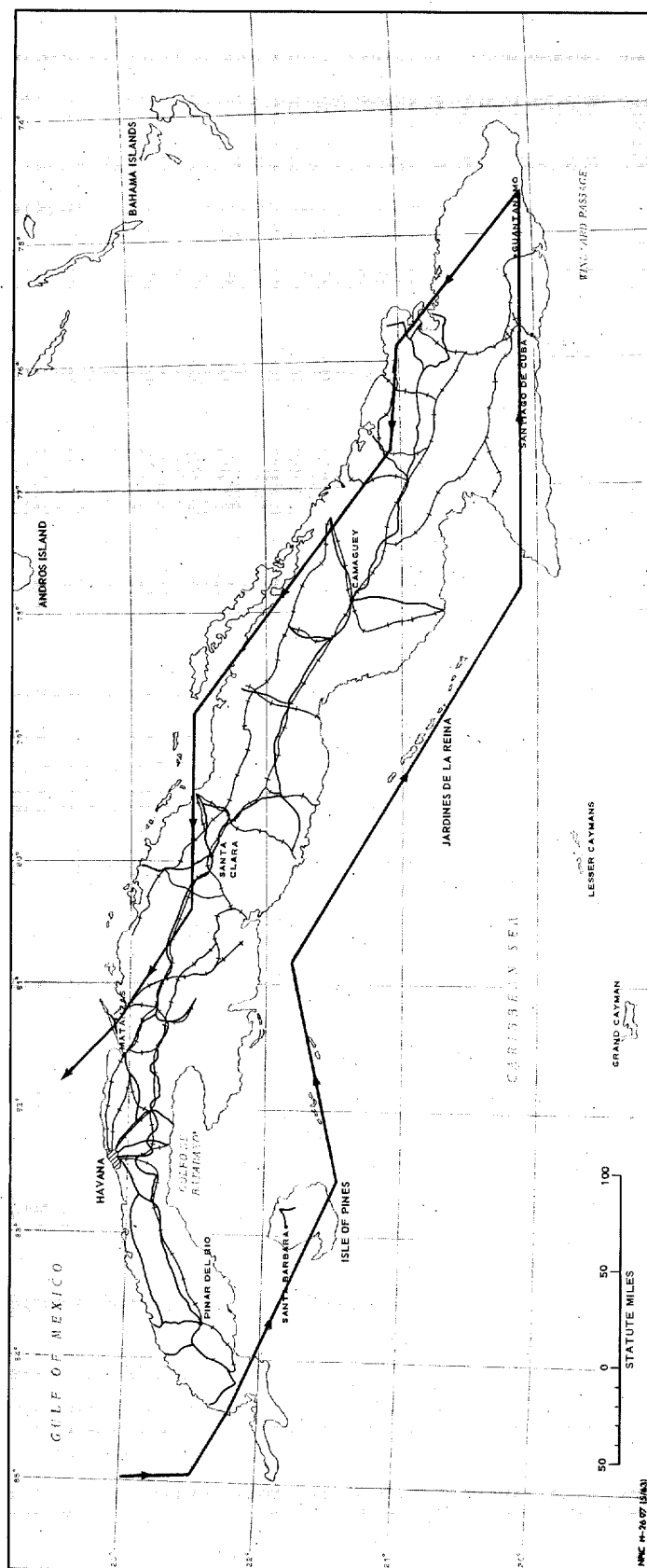
THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

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	SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1		2243N 08001W
	LA COLOMA SAM SITE		2218N 08332W
	MATANZAS SAM SITE		2301N 08129W
	CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE		2202N 08024W
	SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE		2251N 08005W
	CHAMBAS SAM SITE		2213N 07853W
	PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA		2221N 08339W
	LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE		2156N 08019W
	HOLGUIN AIRFIELD		2048N 07618W
	COLONEL MARTIN MARRERRO AIRFIELD		2150N 08247W
	JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD		2209N 08025W
	PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD		2225N 08341W
	TRINIDAD AIRFIELD		2147N 07959W
25X1D	NUEVA GERONA PORT	25X1D	2153N 08248W
	PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP		2223N 08342W
	ALTO CEDRO, MILITARY CAMP		2029N 07559W
	LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP		2256N 08124W
	CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP		2126N 07753W
25X1D	MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVE STORAGE SITE		2228N 08347W
	PLAYA COLOMBO LANDING BEACH		2154N 08246W
	PLAYA DE FLAMENCOS LANDING BEACH	25X1D	2153N 08243W
	MAYARI ARRIBA, MILITARY INSTALLATION		2027N 07531W

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